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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST - NOVEMBER 24 EGYPTIAN - ISRAELI
TALKS

1. AT REQUEST SYG WALDHEIM ASYG URQUHART CALLED AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE EVENING NOVEMBER 24 TO PASS ALONG TWO ELEMENTS OF EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI TALKS AT KILOMETER 101 SAME DAY.
2. GENERAL GAMASY INDICATED HE WOULD BE QUITTING TALKS. IMPLICATION WAS THAT LACK OF PROGRESS HAD BROUGHT ABOUT THIS DECISION.
3. YAAARIV SUGGESTED THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO POSSIBILITY THAT EGYPTIAN FORCES REMAIN IN PLACE WHILE ISRAELIS WITHDRAW FROM WEST BANK OF CANAL WITH UNEF TO IMPLACE ITSELF ABOUT TWELVE KILOMETERS EAST OF CANAL.
4. SIILASVUO, COMMENTING, SAID UNEF WOULD REQUIRE DEPTH OF AT LEAST TWO KILOMETERS AS WELL AS ACCESS TO AND USE OF BOTH NORTH/SOUTH AND EAST/WEST ROADS IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT ITS FUNCTIONS.
5. TWO SIDES AGREED TO MEET NOVEMBER 25. COMMENT: SYG IS CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE DEPARTURE OF GAMASY AS HARBINGER OF UNFAVORABLE TURN OF EVENTS. URQUHART PERSONALLY BELIEVES NOT TOO MUCH SHOULD BE READ CONFIDENTIAL

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INTO THIS YET, ESPECIALLY SINCE TALKS HAVE BEEN GOING WELL AND MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 25.

6. WITHOUT SPECIFICALLY REQUESTING IT SYG IS EVIDENT-
LY THINKING ABOUT USG INTERVENTION WITH GOE TO

PERSUADE IT TO RETAIN GAMASY IN PRESENT FUNCTION.

7. SCHAUFEELE SAID, PERSONALLY, THAT IMPORTANT FACTOR IS TO KEEP MEETINGS GOING AND THAT GAMASY'S ATTITUDE, AS REPORTED, SOUNDS LIKE EGYPTIAN GAMESMANSHIP. FACT THAT YAARIV EVEN MENTIONED ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM WEST BANK SEEMS MORE IMPORTANT THAT GAMASY'S POSSIBLE DEPARTURE. HOWEVER, HE AGREED TO PASS THIS INFORMATION URGENTLY TO USG.

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